complete the cadre review of the Service and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) It is a fact that Indian Statistical Service officers who have put in more than 16 years of Group 'A' Service have not yet been promoted to Junior Administrative Grade of Service. This is due to structural distortions in the Service caused by implementation of various Court orders.

The cadre review of the Indian Statistical Service has already been taken in hand. Since it involves consultations with a large number of participating Ministries/Departments—ISS being a multi—departmental Service - no definite time frame can be given at this stage.

Energy Regulatory Authority for Better Management of Power Sector

3618. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up an autonomous Energy Regulatory Authority for better management of the power sector; and

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Performance of Units Under PSUs

3619. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Executives of the Public Sector Undertakings will be held accountable for the performance of the Units under their charges in terms of achieving the targets set out in the MOU signed with Government;

(b) If so, whether the Chief Executives of various PSUs are not making serious efforts in promoting their PSU and causing losses;

(c) whether the performance of the Chief Executives would be reviewed time and again to improve the functioning of their Units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Department of Public Enterprises has devised the system MOU under which financial and non-financial targets are fixed and the Chief Executives who sign the MOUs are implicitly responsible for the achievement of targets. The Department of Public Enterprises has reported that the MOU targets are taken quite seriously by the Chief Executives who make all efforts to meet the targets.

(c) and (d) The Department of Public Enterprises has evolved a system under which the administrative Ministries/ Departments review periodical performance of the Public Sector Undertakings with a view to making improvement.

Growth Rate in Agriculture

3620. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate in agriculture in terms of GDP and in terms of employment during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether the rate of employment per hectare in agriculture has come down and the agricultural workers from rural areas are migrating to cities; and